



A really good day in review.



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Pick  [trollcatz](https://trollcatz.livejournal.com/) (https://trollcatz.livejournal.com/) up.

Hike in: two miles

Bouldering: two hours

Hike out: same again

Meet T. and O. for pub food and Delerium Tremens on tap. Once suitably liquored up to kill the pain, adjourn to movie theatre for *Iron Man*.


Discover that the pain does not need killing.

Oh, no.

They had me from "Hello." Or from the bone structure, as the case may be. So what if it's two hours of fan service and explosions with minimal regard for plot. I couldn't care less, because it was two hours of the right fan service and explosions.

And yes, a cheer went up when Rhodey said what Rhodey said.

I'm pretty sure T. and

 [trollcatz](https://trollcatz.livejournal.com/) (https://trollcatz.livejournal.com/) were a little boggled by why O. and I were bursting out into peals of laughter every ninety seconds, but that's *okay*.

Yeah.

Dear world: they can all be like this. That would be okay.



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All right, unconscious mind. We're coming to an accommodation. If

[Elvis doesn't live here anymore.](#)

Hev there. Sorry about the

...the dreams are you cleaning

...they there. Sorry about the drama. It was... it was an emotional decision, and I didn't

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Meant to maybe see it today but when CT machines no work, engineers go in. Even on their day off. When they are not on call. S'okay, I can treat him to a movie night later this week and hide his freakin' pager for a couple of hours.

Yay for the right fan service.



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More magic!



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Didn't I say this was going to rock? Didn't I?"

I was so flipping pleased by this movie, I can't even stand it. This is the first one done by Marvel Studios as Marvel Studios, and yeah...

...they can all be like this, kthxbai.

(you guys *did* wait until the end of the credits for the Sekrit Surprise, right?



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Oh yeah.

If RD Jr. was born to play Tony Stark, Samuel L. Jackson was born to play Nick Fury.



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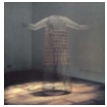
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Almost literally.

Apparently when they redid Fury for the Ultimates comic book, they approached Samuel L. Jackson to use his likeness. He said sure, it's all good - but I get right of first refusal on any "Nick Fury" roles you happen to come across...

Turns out Mr. Jackson is a big comics (as well as Star Wars) geek.

And yeah. Robert Downey Jr was utterly perfect casting for Tony Stark. I still like the voice actor they've used in the games recently (John Cygan), but Downey has everything down perfect other than (and only a teeny bit) the voice.



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Indeed.



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That movie is a total geekgasm!

You did stay through the credits to the very very end, didn't you?



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The ushers were actually warning people to stay. But I had been warned beforehand.

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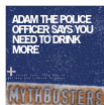
Saw it Friday, unfortunately did not think to stay past the credits, and I hear there was something. Guess I'll have to see it again.



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Gee, darn.



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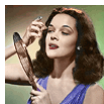
I LOVED this movie. A friend I'd went with said that the beginning was a little 'slow' or something, but she still enjoyed it. WTF SLOW?!

I'm so excited that this movie is as awesome as it was. I'm hoping for more. Plus, RDJ reprises Tony Stark in the new Hulk movie coming out this summer, too.

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Did it not totally rock? It was so much better than most superhero movies. For one thing, it's nice to see an actual mature male of the species in the lead role instead of a barely-out-of-his-teens boy. ::sigh:: Erm... I may have a slight crush. ;-D



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One-off fabrication, a little hot-rod red, jazz-hands mid-air design interface, impromptu open-heart surgery, stuff blows up *real good*. Ooohyeah.

The whole vigilante why-do-I-get-to-do-this?-because-I-can-that's-why thing, we're gonna sorta squint around that part.

Did we ever get backstory on Mr. Other Hostage Science Guy? I just stopped to think about that. Honestly, Robert Downey Jr. and big explosions. They just shut off my brain. Oooh.



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Nope. The most we ever learned was that his family was already dead, and that he never intended to get out of that place alive.

I thought that the first town Iron Man went in to save was Other Hostage Science Guy's hometown, but I could have been wrong. Names don't stick well in my brain.



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Vigilantism. It's what superheros are made of!

Mr. Other Hostage Science Guy was a part of the lack of plot. Plot is for the WEAK. Who don't have EXPLOSIONS.

I want a suit of flying technomagic.



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I said it yesterday, and I will say it again.

No, Chaz, you may not have a supersonic exoskeleton.



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Tony Stark needs to reconsider his home security system.



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S.H.I.E.L.D. is not going to be buying theirs from him. *g*



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How weird is it that I can't say anything about this movie because I don't want to spoil...everything but the PLOT? Because hello, the plot is, Tony Stark becomes Iron Man. If you didn't know that, tell me again why you bought a ticket?

But the thing I loved best was, Tony Stark is an *asshole*. It's in the delivery of every line, in every failure to realize that he might be freaking out other people, or that they might want to know what the hell is going on in his head. And it *doesn't change*. He doesn't become a great guy; he just becomes Iron Man. The whole crusader-for-justice thing really doesn't occur to him, at any time in the movie. Spiderman has the "with great power comes great responsibility" moment. Tony Stark? He's always had great power. Nothing's changed about that. So [bleep] has to show up at the end of the credits to set up his gradual enlightenment.

He's a freakin' consistent character. How crazy is that?



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Yeah, and if you don't know the Big Bad is the Iron Monger from the second Jeff Bridges walks on the screen, well, yanno, it's because you think they might be saving it for the sequel.

They even gave him the *line*.

But yeah. Stark is an asshole. He's still a good guy. But he's also an asshole. Nice Is Different Than Good.



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Nice is different than good. U R smrt.




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I stole it from Stephen Sondheim. ;-)




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Yeah, but credit for appropriate reapplication.



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It took me a little while to fully internalize the nature of bouldering. When you fail, you *fall off*. Which is what all my instincts told me about technical, and it wasn't true, because of the rope. And yes, that's true in the gym, too, but it's different in the wild, so to speak. As if it's real gravity, not stunt gravity.

So I spent a little while yesterday with my instincts yelling, "SEE? SEE? WE TOLD YOU THIS WOULD HAPPEN!" and me telling them, "Yes, but it's okay, because it's not very far. Um. I think."

Could you tell from outside? 'Cause I was trying not to give that away. *g*



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Couldn't tell nothing. Not that you were leaving sweat-stains on the rock even though you had enough chalk on your hands to powder doughnuts.

And yes. Real gravity is scarier than stunt gravity. And real falls are longer than stunt falls.



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Ah, sweat. Nature's way of telling people stuff you'd rather they didn't know. *g*



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Ntures way of telling *us* stuff other people would rather we didn't know.



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I was thinking of statements like the following:

I'm a big chicken!

I think you're hot!


This party makes me nervous!

I really, really need this job!

I eat a *lot* of garlic!

But you're right, sweating makes our work so much easier. *g*

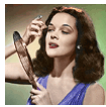


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You know, I think the a key on my keyboard is sticking.



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If you ask the guys downstairs to fix that, they will simply replace the keyboard. Your tax dollars at work.

However, they will remove the offending hardware immediately and not bring you anything to replace it in less than seven (7) business days. I could lend you mine, though.



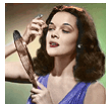
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Your fancy antique keyboard?

...really?



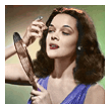
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It's mostly there to comfort onlookers. Sigh.

Spill one of your meth-lab-in-a-can energy drinks on it, though, and I get to skin you and turn you into a hat.



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You do know that I know you are intensely careful and conscientious, and I only said that because I thought it would make me sound tough, right?



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I always practice safe keyboarding. (Which means, admittedly, keeping the food between me and the keyboard. But I have long arms.)

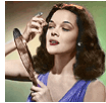


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Hey! Mock not! Those things are pure carbohydrate.

I will even use the Keyboard Condom, if you like.



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And meddle with an exquisite sensory experience? It would hurt me to see you do it.

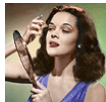


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If you make me *spray* coffee on it, it's your fault.

There is not way out of this conversation without TMI. You win.



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celebrates victory

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I had the strong urge to stay and watch after the credits... and yet did not. Perhaps, somewhere in the back of my mind, where EVIL SCHEMES plot themselves (totally against my will, of course), I was setting myself to have to go see it again. Woe is me, what ever will I do!?

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This question, it answers itself!

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All right, unconscious mind. We're coming to an accommodation. If the dreams are you cleaning

Elvis doesn't live here anymore.

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